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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re application of

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For: ACTIVE MATRIX LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action dated October 17, 2003, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

Claims 9-23 have been examined on their merits and are all the claims presently pending in the application.

1. Claims 9-12, 17 and 19-21 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 2, 5, 8-11 and 14-16 of Kikkawa (U.S. Patent No. 6,577,295).

Applicant is concurrently filing a Terminal Disclaimer under 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c) with this Response to overcome the double patenting rejection of claims 9-12, 17 and 19-21.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the double patenting rejection of claim 9-12, 17 and 19-21.